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DX news

TX7N Marquesas Islands –update January 9

'As we wait patiently for first signals to appear on the bands on January 12th, everyday there is a progress update posted on the TX7N Facebook page – [check here](#). Once the team hit the airwaves, we will then continue to update this post with QRV info etc.'

<https://tx7n.com/>

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Kerguelen 2025 DXpedition / project by Thierry F6CUK

More and more friends are asking me for news of the Kerguelen expedition project. It has now been two years since I was active from Crozet. It is therefore necessary to take stock of the progress of the project.

During my stay in Crozet, I had established contacts, sometimes friendly, with many people working at TAAF. After having drawn up the file with the REF, I was quite confident and we sent it directly to TAAF. The TAAF personnel had noted that the station did not disturb the animals, particularly the birds, and that my presence among the base personnel had gone well. Despite this, as you know, we were refused, which was a surprise to me. We did not really understand the reasons for this refusal, but we had to deal with this situation.

Full story: <https://www.dx-world.net/kerguelen-2025-dxpedition-project/>

TX9A Austral Islands –update

110 days until the start of our adventure! Some news from our team: we paid for an additional luggage (which is not cheap) from Paris to Papeete because we want to be sure that the equipment that is planned arrives with us in Papeete / Tubuai. We also want to thank **Koaxshop**, from whom we received a discount for the purchase of the Aircell 5 cable. Thanks, Andreas! Also, we are in final arrangements for the use of specific power amplifiers – more to come.

My journey into Ham Radio by Maria Raka S21YLJ

I didn't want to write about Amateur Radio until I felt smart enough to share my thoughts with others. But so many people kept asking me about it that I decided to share my experience rather than write formal or weighty lectures on the subject.

It all started 7-8 years ago when I truly felt the urge to become an operator like Rabby, S21RC. However, I didn't have the courage to express it to him, as I had disqualified myself in the first round of the process. Years passed. During that time, I handled radios, antennas, and other equipment – cleaning the dust, packing them, and sometimes helping set them up on the ground.

Full story <https://www.dx-world.net/my-journey-into-ham-radio/>



AS-161 Sacrifice Rock AU2V

After the resounding success of our previous activations at Nachugunta, Kanika, and Sagar, our team has set its sights on the elusive Sacrifice Rock, one of the most coveted IOTA locations among chasers. This ambitious project has been years in the making, and we're thrilled to finally share the news with the amateur radio community.

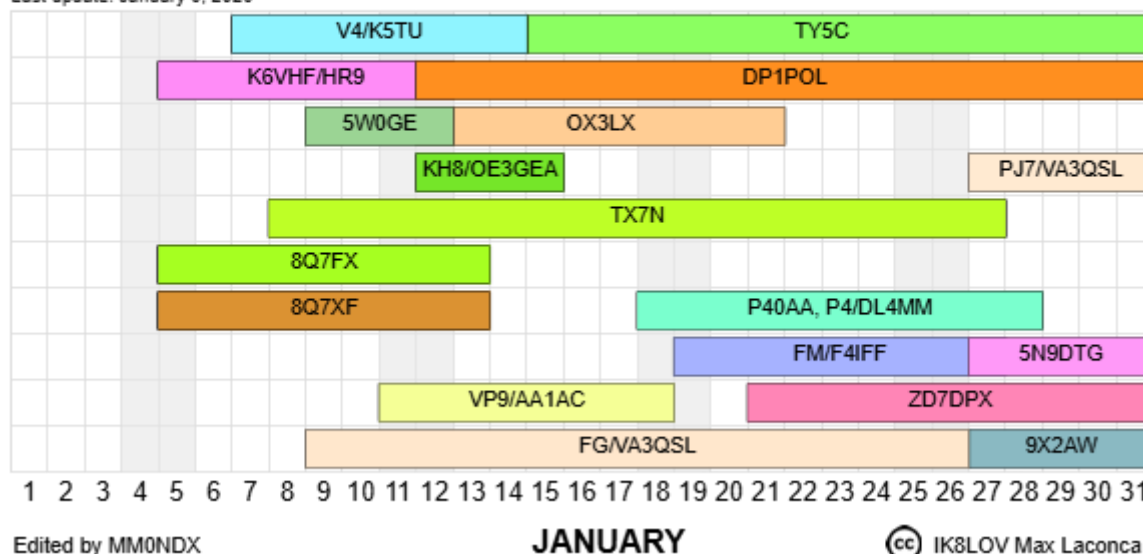
Sacrifice Rock, notorious for its challenging terrain, inhospitable environment, and exorbitant costs, has long been considered a "holy grail" of IOTA activations. Our team is determined to overcome these obstacles and bring this rare entity to the airwaves.

Full story: <https://www.dx-world.net/au2v-sacrifice-rock-as-161/>

DXCC Timeline

FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

Last update: January 5, 2025



DXCC

This week on air

This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.

Pacific travels by Gerhard OE3GEA

Gerhard – OE3GEA together with his partner Maria plans to be active from the following Pacific entities during December and January:

Samoa as **5W0GE** during January 9-12, 2025

American Samoa as **KH8/OE3GEA** during January 12-15, 2025

Hawaii as **KH6/OE3GEA** during January 18-21, 2025.

Holiday style activities using a TS-480SAT, Outbacker antenna and wire dipole covering 30-10m; CW. QSL via OE3GEA (bureau/direct), Club Log & LoTW.

FO/DL7JLL Mangareva

VP6JLL Pitcairn

Hardy, DL7JLL got in touch with DX-WORLD to mention about his upcoming DXpedition to Mangareva and Pitcairn until January 15, 2025. Details as follows:

FO/DL7JLL – Rikitea village, Mangareva.

VP6JLL – Adamstown, Pitcairn Island.

QRV with a KX3 transceiver and small 50w amp + inverted V antenna. Bands: 10, 15, 20m – SSB only.

5Z4, KENYA Scott, WA5A is once again operating as 5Z4/call from Ruaka on 40, 20, 17 and 10 meter and possible low bands. QSL via home call, length of stay unknown.

6W, SENEGAL Billy, F4GJE will be operating as 6W1RD during January 11-12. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via EA7FTR.

6Y, JAMAICA Lester, W8YCM is once again active as 6Y8LV from the Coral Seas Resort during January. Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

7P, LESOTHO Mark KW4XJ and Arina KO4PZT are QRV as 7P8AB and 7P8NB until mid-2025. QSL via KW4XJ.

8Q, MALDIVES Fabian, DF3XY is operating as 8Q7XF until January 13. Operation in 'holiday-style' on 40, 30 and 20 meter using FT8. QSL via bureau. Fabian's wife Xenia will sign as 8Q7FX.

8R, GUYANA Aldir, PY1SAD is once again active as 8RTM from Georgetown (Grid: GJ06vs) until February 8, 2025. Operation on all bands using CW, SSB, digi and SAT. QSL via LoTW or via home call direct.

9Y, TRINIDAD Earl, WA3DX is active as 9Y4/call until January 14. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using FT4/8. QSL via home call direct, LoTW.

CN, MOROCCO Ralf, DB4REB is QRV as CN2REB until end January 2025. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QTH is in Agadir and he will do some POTA sites along the coast. QSL via home call direct.

FG, GUADELOUPE Jeff, VA3QSL will be active as FG/call during January 9-26. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW.

FO/M MARQUESAS ISL A team with F5VHQ, F8GGV, F6BCW, F5SDD, SP5APW, HB9GWJ, F8ATS, EA1SA, F6FMC, F1MNQ, OK2WX will be QRV as TX7N during January 12-27, 2025, the team will also use TX100REF (REF CW), TX7MAS (SAT + 23EME) and TX7WW (CQWW CW 160) throughout the DXpedition period covering special activities / contests

FS, SAINT MARTIN Matthew, WW5TX is active as FS/call begin 2025. *'Will be on holiday late 2024 – early 2025 and operating, for a short periods of time from a few different locations within the Caribbean with limited equipment. I will be logging to QRZ, possibly LoTW which may not be uploaded for 1-2 weeks. If we worked thanks for the contact!'*

QSL preview



HR, HONDURAS Dirk, KD0VUY is operating as call/HR5 until January 9. QRV from Copan on mainly 17 meter using SSB.

HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is operating as HR5/call until late March 2025. Operation on HF and 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via F6AJA direct or bureau.

<https://lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php>

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take, JG8NQJ is once again active as call/1 until mid-February. Activity mainly in CW with some FT8. QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

KH9, WAKE ISL Allen, KH7AL is QRV as call/KH9 during his spare time.

Next: January 12 2000z 10 meter SSB.

He has dipoles covering from 40 to 10 meter using SSB with some CW. He keeps an "Activation Blog" and an "Upcoming" section on <https://sites.google.com/view/kh7al/>. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

OX, GREENLAND Bo, OZ1DJJ is once again active as OX3LX until January 21. Operation on HF from grid GP44de and perhaps a trip to GP35nj. QSL via OZ0J.

PJ2, CURACAO Thaire, W2APF will be active as PJ2/call between January 12 and April 8. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

PJ2, CURACAO Andre, PD1DRE will be QRV as PJ2/call between January 14 and February 4, 2025. QRV on 40, 20 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via eqsl.

PJ4, BONAIRE A Japanese team with JA3AVO, JA1CJA, JA3IVU, JA3HJI, JH3PBL and JA3UJR will be operating as PJ4JA between January 13-20. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi.

T8, PALAU Mike JA6EGL and Kazu JE6KFN will be QRV from Koror as T88SM and T88XK during January 10-16, 2025. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

TG, GUATEMALA Dwight, VE7BV will once again be QRV from Sacatepéquez as TG9BBV between January 10-28. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

TJ, CAMEROON Thierry, TK1CX is active as TJ/call from Douala until end February 2025. Operation on HF using FT8. QSL via EA5ZD, LoTW. Thierry mentions: *'I'm currently on a business trip in Cameroon and I'm TJ/TK1CX. For professional reasons I cannot be active very often, and more with a solar power supply. I'll try to be on the air as much as possible. My traffic will be mainly FT8 because I can't use much power because of the solar panels. I hope to be able to contact as many people as possible on 10, 12, 15, 17, 20m.'*

TR, GABON Roland, F8EN is once again QRV as TR8CR until mid-January 2025. Operation from 30-10 meter using CW. QSL via F6AJA.

TY, BENIN Gérard F5NVF is again QRV from Godomey until April 2. He'll be active mostly from 80 to 10 meter using CW and FT8. QRV in 'holiday-style' using an IC-7000, 100w & wire antennas. QSL direct via F5RAV / free LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Kim, K5TU is QRV as V4/call until January 14. Operation on HF using CW and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS John, N5VOF is active in 'holiday-style' with his 2 sons Josiah VP5/WD5JR and Isaiah VP5/KJ5CMP from various POTA as VP5/N5VOF. Operation until January 16 from 80 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home calls.

VP9, BERMUDA Mark, AA1AC will once again be active as VP9/call between January 11 and January 18. Activity on all bands. QSL via home call.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Bruce, K0BJ is QRV in 'holiday-style' as ZF2BJ until January 17. Operation on HF using CW and perhaps FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.



Coming up soon

5N, NIGERIA The Rebel DX Group are off to Abuja, Nigeria after their Tuvalu DXpedition sometime around the 3rd week of January. They have requested the callsign 5N9DTG. Three ops with up to 10 stations; 160-6m, mainly CW & FT8.

FM, MARTINIQUE Dom, F4IFF will be operating as FM/call between January 19 and January 27, 2025. QRV on HF using SSB and digi in low power with verticals and wire antennas. QSL via EB7DX, Club Log livestream.

P4, ARUBA Mat, DL4MM will once again be QRV as P4/call and P40AA between January 18-28, 2025. An entry in the CQ 160 CW contest is included. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using FT4/8, CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log or home call.

ZD7, ST HELENA Giovanni, IZ2DPX will be active as ZD7DPX between January 21 and February 3. QTH is the shack of ZD7CTO, operation in 'holiday-style' from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT4/8. QSL via IK2DUW, Club Log.

IOTA

This week on air

ASIA

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take, JS6RRR is operating as JS6RRR, JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 or JR8YLY/6 until March 31, 2025. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in the CQWW SSB and CW contest are included as JS6RRR. More on QRZ.com.

AS-153 Sagar Isl Special Event Station AU2WBRC will be activate between January 10 and January 20. All contacts will be verified through QRZ.com only.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-057 Roatan Isl Dave, VE3VSM is once again active as call/HR9 until January 25. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 20 to 15 meter using CW and FT8. QSL via home call and LoTW.

NA-057 Roatan Isl Alex, K6VHF is once again QRV as call/HR9 until January 12. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW and digi with verticals, Hexbeam, Slopers and Delta loop. QSL via home call direct, Club Log, LoTW.

OCEANIA

OC-063 Gambier Isl Hardy, DL7JLL is operating as FO/call until January 15, 2025. Operation on 20, 15 and 10 meter using a wire antenna. QSL via home call, bureau.

OC-150 Lombok Isl Jozef, ON6HX is QRV as YB9/call until February 6. QSL via home call, LoTW.

Team IS0/E73DX during the CQWW CW contest end November 2024



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

5V, TOGO Prior to his humanitarian trip to Benin (as TY2AA), Antonio IK7WUL will also be visiting Togo again - this time between February 6-14, 2025. QRV only when time permits. QSL via I8KHC

8Q, MALDIVES Mamoru, JH3VAA will be active as 8Q7VA between February 26 and May . Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

9G, GHANA Before carrying out humanitarian work in Togo (5V0DX) and Benin (TY2AA), Antonio IK7WUL will also be active when time permits from Accra, Ghana as 9G5IK during February 1-6. Likely QRV on 10m SSB. QSL via I8KHC (ex-IZ8CCW), LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

J3, GRENADA Mike, VE2XB will be active as J38XB between March 17 and March 31. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using SSB with some CW. QSL via home call.

J5, GUINEA-BISSAU Livio, IZ3BUR will be operating as J52EC between January 26 and March 1 during his spare time. Operation on 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB and perhaps some digi. QSL

via home call.

JW, SVALBARD Stian LB5SH and Kristoffer LB0VG will be operating as JW/calls between January 24 and January 26. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. Stian mentions '*As always – if you have difficulties working JW from your location, be it due to low power/QRP or the distance, I'm more than happy to help you out. Get in touch and we'll arrange a sked – any mode, any band.*'

TY, BENIN Antonio, IK7WUL will again be on a humanitarian mission to Benin during February 14-23, 2025, and QRV (10m SSB) when time permits as TY2AA. QSL via I8KHC, LoTW.

VP2E, ANGUILLA Chuck, KG9N will be QRV as VP2ECV between February 4 and February 18. Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

ZK3, TOKELAU A QSP from the Rebel DX Group ZK3ZK: on target for around mid-June. 'We will be doing some delivery on one of our vessels for Tokelau. For now Tokelau borders remain closed due to several local issues. More info soon.'

THE REMINDERS

Central American Tour 2025 by the RRC team

Russian Robinson Team consisting Alex RW3RN, Hal W8HC, Mike K5MSK, Slava OK8AU, Raisa R1BIG, Tim NL8F, Vlad R9LR and Yuri N3QQ will be active from Central American DXCC entities (covering IOTA and POTA) during February 11 to March 7, 2025. As follows:

YN6RRC – Complejo volcánico San Cristóbal, POTA NI-0055 (Nicaragua)

H7RRC – Isla Del Cardon, NA-212 (Nicaragua)

TI1RRC – Isla Cano, NA-117 & POTA CR-0018 (Costa Rica)

3F3RRC – Chirique, POTA PA-0033 (Panama)

All calls are currently pending. QSL via LoTW or via M0OXO and RW3RN (RU/EW only).

T30, W KIRIBATI

T31, C KIRIBATI

T32, E KIRIBATI

T33, BANABA

The Rebel DX group plans following (info via facebook)

T30TTT Tarawa. Sometime 2025.

T31TTT Kanton Island. April – May 2025.

T33TTT Banaba Island. Date unknown yet but 2025.

Operation mainly FT4 but all bands and modes will be used. QSL via LoTW.

3B9, RODRIGUES ISL David OK6DJ and Milan OK7GU will be active as 3B9DJ between March 23 and April 5, 2025. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via OK6DJ, OQRS and LoTW.

6W, SENEGAL Willy ON4AVT will once again be active as 6X7/call between February 2 and April 10, 2025. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, digi and QO-100 sat. QSL via home call, Club Log.

6Y, JAMAICA The EIDXG DX Group will be QRV as 6Y7EI between March 12 and March 24, 2025. More to follow.

9X, RWANDA Harold, DF2WO will once again be QRV as 9X2AW between January 27 and February 15. Operation in 'holiday-style' on QO-100 and all other bands using CW, SSB and FT4.

C5, THE GAMBIA Luc F5RAV and Lui YU5R will be active from Kololi between April 19 and May 2. QRV as C5LT and C5R on HF using CW, SSB and FT8 + SATS (mostly RS44). QSL via LoTW.

C6, THE BAHAMAS Chip, K1KJD and John K4SGR will be active as C6ADA between February 12-16, 2025. Activation of 2 new POTA and as many lighthouses as possible. QRV on HF using CW and SSB with some FT8. More to follow.

C8, MOZAMBIQUE The Czech DX Team will be active as C8K during January/February 2026. Operation from 160 to 6 meter and QO-100, RS-44, IO-117 using CW, SSB and digi. Club Log live stream if possible. QSL via OK6DJ OQRS, LoTW. Antennas: 6m 5el. YAGI, 10m 4el. Yagi, 10-15-20 incl WARC 3 x Spiderbeam, 17/15/12m 2el. YAGI, 2x 30m phased verticals, 2x40m phased verticals, 80m vertical + 10 pcs radials, 160 vertical + 10pcs radials RX: 3x Beverage + RX vertical Focus on low bands.

D4, CAPE VERDE Claudio, HB9OAU will be operating from Sal Island (AF-086) as D44OA between February 5 and February 18, 2025. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

E5, COOK ISL Steve, ZL2KE will once again be active as E51KEE next August 2025. More to follow.

E6, NIUE Gavin ZL3GAV will be active as E6SP for 3 weeks in April 2025. It will be a more advanced mini expedition. Extra antennas/radios including 6m and satellite operation, focus on

IO117 Greencube (if still working) and other available satellites: linear/FM. More details will be advised when planning is advanced.

FO, AUSTRAL ISL Mladen 9A2NA, Rolando 9A3MR, Livio 9A7Y and Zik DK8ZZ/YT3ZZ will be active from Tubuai between April 25 and May 7, 2025. Focus on human modes with some FT8/FT4. They have already applied for a special TX callsign. QSL via DK8ZZ.

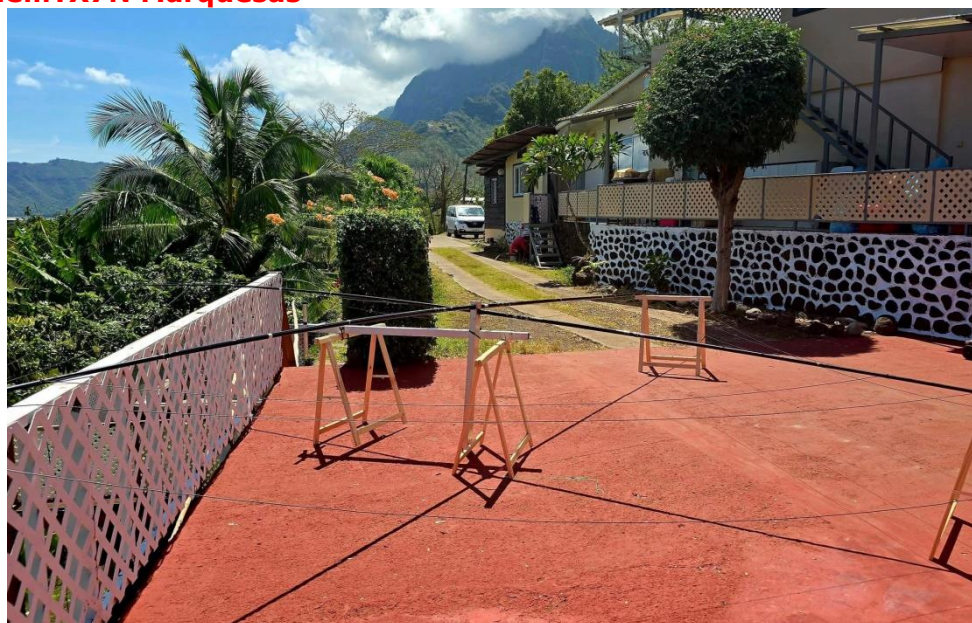
<https://austral2025.com/>

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Fred, F4HEC will be QRV as FP/call between February 16 and February 25. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and CW. An entry in the REF Contest SSB is included. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

FS, SAINT MARTIN Jeff, VA3QSL will be operating as FS/call between February 16 and March 4. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW.

FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA The DX Obsessed Group with K6VHF, KA6IBM, 7HAN, NG7E, NJ7I and NC7M will be operating as FW5K between October 20 and November 7. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included. Operation before and after the contest from 160 to 6 meter using RTTY, FT4/8 and SSB with 3 stations.

On the scene...TX7N Marquesas



H40, TEMOTU Darren, VK4MAP will be operating as H40DA from Pigeon Island OC-065 during early 2025, dates to be confirmed. QRV on 80, 40, 20, 15, 12 and 10 meter using SSB.

H44, SOLOMON ISL Bernard, DL2GAC will once again be active as H44MS between February 9 and May 7, 2025. QRV from Manakwai Village from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL A large team with 20 operators currently formed by HC5VF, PY2DV, PY2EL, PY2MC, PY2PT, PY2WAS, PY3MM, PY4RGS, PY5CC, PY5HSD, PY5KD, PY6HD, PY6RT, PR7AB, PY7XC, PS8RV, PV8DX, VU2RS and YT1AD will be active as HD8G between April 18 and April 27, 2025. Operation with 10 stations from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via M0URX OQRS, LoTW. <https://hd8g.com/>

HK0, MALPELO Last active in 2012 (by **HK0NA** who still maintain the 2nd highest ever QSO count for a DXpedition), the Colombian League of Radio Amateurs (HK3LR) and its Board of Directors has announced its main goal – to stage a DXpedition to Malpelo island, SA-007. It is hoped for a February 2026 activity, but this is not yet confirmed. Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks..

J7, DOMINICA Oliver, W6NV will be QRV as J79NV sometime February 2025. Operation mainly for the ARRL CW and SSB contest. He will be a single operator in the ARRL CW contest and then join with FM6BH (J79BH), F8AAN (J79AN) and F5VHJ (J79AC) for the ARRL SSB contest.

JW, SVALBARD Tom, LA6VDA will once again be QRV as JW6VDA during September 12-22, 2025. Activity on HF using mostly SSB. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

OY, FAROE ISL The 7163 Group with WB2REM, W9MK, W2WCM, G6TFL, VO1IDX, K3BAB, K4LT and W4VKU will be operating sometime June 2025 as OY/calls. An entry in the ARRL VHF contest is included, outside the contest they will be from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via WB2REM, Club Log.

PJ4, BONAIRE Frank, PH2M will once again be active as PJ4M from Kralendijk during May. Dates to be announced approx 4-6 weeks ahead of activity. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, Club Log.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Jeff, VA3QSL will be operating as PJ7/call between January 27 and February 16. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be QRV as PJ7AA from March 8 and April 5, 2025. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, FT4/8. QSO upload via LoTW and Club Log, QSL via home call, LoTW.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN Gary, KC9EE will once again be QRV as PJ7EE around mid-March 2025 and be QRV during the CQWPX SSB contest.

TI9, COCOS ISL Pending approval from all relevant authorities, Charlie TI9CDA plans an HF and EME DXpedition to Cocos Island sometime in 2025. Callsign: TI9CDA. Updates to follow throughout the coming months. (Charlie uses EA5GL as QSL manager).

V4, ST KITTS Fred, G4XWM will be operating as V4/call between March 8 and March 29. Operation on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

V4, ST KITTS Tom, K0YA will be active as V4/call between February 6 and March 4 (from V47JA QTH). QRV in 'holiday-style' with an entry in the ARRL International DX CW contest as V47Y. QSL via LoTW for both calls.

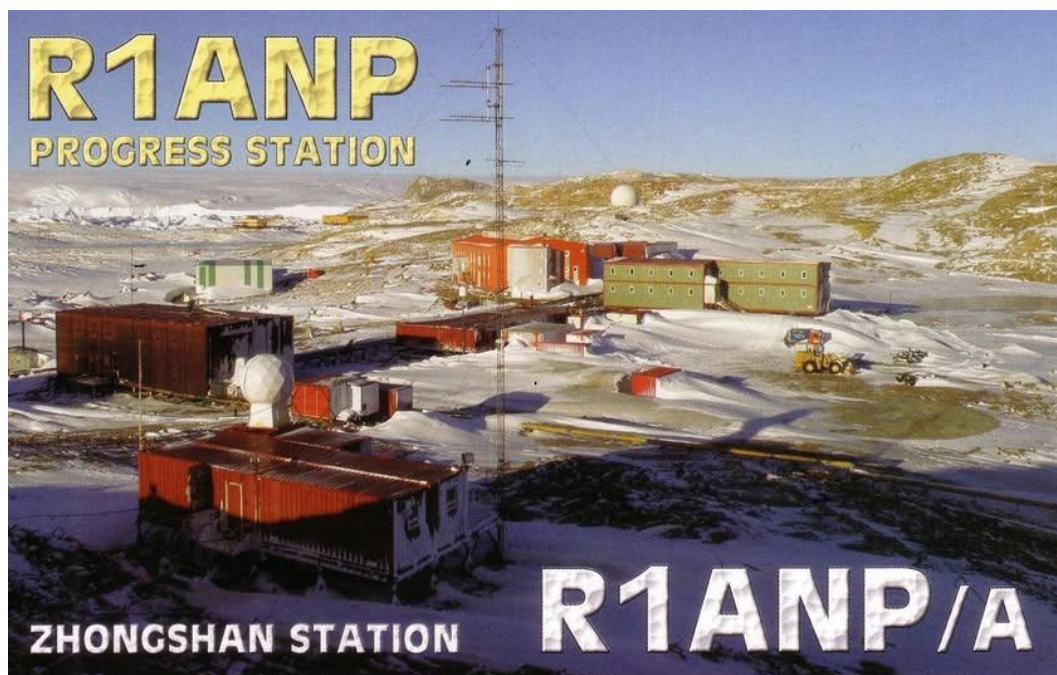
V7, MARSHALL ISL Following their successful journey to Guyana under the callsign **8R7X**, the team is now setting their sights on a new destination in the Pacific region. Their next DXpedition will take them to the Marshall Islands, scheduled for February 2025. Stay tuned for more details as they become available. Additionally, the team is in the process of launching a website, which will soon be accessible.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING Larry, W5EIT will be QRV as BK9/call from West Island between February 11-18. Operation in 'holiday-style' using mostly CW and FT8 with some RTTY and SSB.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISL

Gunter, DL2AWG and team DF4GV, DL2AMD, DJ9RR and VK6SJ will be active from Christmas Island as VK9XU between February 18 and March 4, 2025. Cocos Keeling will be on air between March 4 and March 12, 2025. QRV with 3 stations from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. More to follow.



VU4, ANDAMAN ISL A team with ON4AMX, ON4HIL, ON5UR, ON5RA, ON5TN, ON6CC, ON7FT, ON7USB, ON7RU, ON8AZ, PA9M and PA3EWP have announced that they will be on the air as VU4X from Andaman Islands during March 10-25, 2025. QRV on HF bands; CW, SSB and DIGI. *'Dx-Adventure is proud to announce its next DXpedition, taking place in the first quarter of 2025. Our international team, consisting of more than 10 experienced operators, is eager to embark on this adventure.....'*

This time, we are focusing on VU4 from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, currently ranked 54th most wanted DXCC country. During this DX expedition, we will be active on all bands, using CW, SSB and digital.

This provides a fantastic opportunity for radio amateurs around the world to work this DXCC and IOTA.

There will be more updates on our [website](#) – stay tuned for the latest news and details.'

YS, EL SALVADOR Dave, WJ2O will be operating as YS1/call between February 12 and February 19, 2025. Operation on HF using CW. The ARRL DX CW contest is included. QSL via N2ZN.

ZC4, CYPRUS SBA Adrian, G0KOM will once again be active as ZC4MK during March 24-31. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included.

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA DX-World has learned that a Tristan da Cunha DXpedition is in the works for 2025. Whilst it is quite some time away, we have gleaned the following info.

It will be a 3-4 month long DXpedition to ZD9 which could be extended by another 2-3 months bringing it to (potentially) 6+ months. The additional months could depend on PayPal donations / extra donors. Focus is going to be on CW & SSB. There will be VERY LIMITED usage of FT8.

Infact, FT8 will ONLY be used on 80 & 160 meters. Bands of operation will be 10 meters to 160 meters. 1kW to monoband heavy duty vertical antennas due to Tristan da Cunha's very inhospitable weather.

ZK3, TOKELAU Hrane YT1AD and team YU3AA, RC9O and UA9OYL will be active from Tokelau beginning 2025. The reason is that New Zealand's State activities on the island of Tokelau during February and March, which have PRIORITY!

IOTA

THE NEWCOMERS

ASIA

AS-161 Sacrifice Rock A team (previous AU2S) will try to activate this 'holy grail' before March, the goal is mid-February. The team is looking for funds, once approval from the local authorities the team will confirm the call and other details.

THE REMINDERS

NORTH AMERICA

NA-079 Dry Tortugas The N4T team will be operating between February 21 and February 25, 2025. Main goal is 6 meter operation from the rare grid EL84 and from various POTA parks. QSL via W3NY.

NA-220 Maniitsoq Isl Joe, OZ0J will once again be QRV as OX0J sometime September 2025. Activity from 40 to 10 meter depending on free space for antennas. QSL via Club Log OQRS (prefer), LoTW or H/C. Joe will try to participate in the SAC CW on ONE band only if condx are good, and will also operate on CW, SSB and FT8 (mostly Fox/Hound) before SAC CW. Depends on local weather, he will put up the antennas on 13 September and take down on 22 September. Club Log Live Stream will be added if the Internet connection is stable. Information will be updated continuously **here** (and DX-World).

OCEANIA

OC-022 Bali Emmanuel, F5LIT will once again be QRV as YB9/call from January 28 until February 16, 2025. Operation on HF. QSL via home call direct, LoTW. Previous operations were in 2018 and 2024.

OC-059 Kosrae Rikk, WE9G will be operating as V6WG during March 18 and April 1, 2025. QRV from 80 to 6 meter (160 might be possible) using mainly FT4/8 with some CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log.

OC-067 Bora Bora Nobby, G0VJG will be QRV during June 11-27 as FO/call. Operation on HF and 6 meter using high power.

OC-235 Camiguin Isl Kouichi, JI1FGX/DU9 is planning an IOTA DXpedition during next April-June when conditions on 50Mhz are more favourable. This will apparently be the first 6m activation from the island. He will use a HexBeam covering: 14, 18, 21, 24, 28, and 50MHz with the main mode being FT8. QSL via JJ2VLY, LoTW. <https://www.qrz.com/db/JI1FGX>

ARCTIC NEWS

Neumayer Station III

Felix, DL5XL will again be returning to **Neumayer Station III**, Antarctica and hopes to be active as **DP1POL** when time permits during January 12 to February 25, 2025. He operates mainly CW on HF bands, with some DIGI and SSB activity too. QSL via DL1ZBO. New QSL design shown.

Wolf's Fang Runway

Oleg, ZS1ANF (UA1O, ex UA1PBA) is active again as ZS7ANF from Wolf's Fang Runway, Queen Maud Land, Antarctica (AN-016) until late February 2025. He will operate mainly CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via DL5EBE or RK1PWA, and LoTW.

RI42SP Arctic travels

Oleg, RD1A is onboard "Severn Polyus / North Pole" and is active when time permits as RI42SP as the ship travels through various parts of the Arctic. Primarily QRV on CW & FT8 for approx end October 2025. QSL via Club Log OQRS. Position of boat using this tracker. Frank, F8DVD also mentions:

FT4YM Antarctica

David, F4FKT is again active as **FT4YM** from two Antarctic bases until early March 2025. [Website](#) **FT4YM**: Base Dumont d'Urville, Petrels island AN-017.

FT4YM/P: Base Concordia.

QRV on HF bands when time allows outside of his working environment. QSL via F5PFP.

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

DL, GERMANY Celebrating the city of Chemnitz, one of the European Capitals of Culture for 2025, special event callsigns DL2025C, DL2025B, DL2025E, DL2025S and DL2025W will be active from 18 January to 31 March. All QSOs will be uploaded to eQSL, LoTW, Club Log and DCL (DARC Community Logbook); paper QSL cards will not be issued, but digital QSLs - as well as a number of certificates - will be down-loadable from the event's website. Complete information on the "2025C Ham Radio Event" can be found on <https://2025c.de/>.

I, ITALY Throughout 2025 ARI Fidenza will use a series of special callsigns, each representing one of the many patents registered by Guglielmo Marconi between 1897 and 1926: II4FPEN (January), II4FPUS (February), II4SHLD (March), II4GHPR (April), II4JGGR (May), II4RXOS (June), II4COHR (July), II4LDMA (August), II4RADS (September), II4WLTX (October), II4EACC (November) and II4TJTB (December). QSL via IQ4FE and LoTW. Information about the "Marconi - Patented By" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/>.

THE REMINDERS

9V, SINGAPORE To mark the 60th anniversary of Singapore's independence, all members of the Singapore Amateur Radio Transmitting Society (SARTS) may substitute the prefix S60 for their usual **9V1** prefix between Jan. 1 and Aug. 9. Special events during that period are planned for introducing more young people to amateur radio, for example through cooperations with the Singapore Scout Association and the Singapore School of Science and Technology. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY The Deutsches Museum in Munich, one of the largest science and technology museums in the world (<https://www.deutsches-museum.de>), celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2025. **DL100DM** is the special callsign to be used throughout the year by the amateur radio station which is part of and regularly active from the museum's "Electronics" permanent exhibition. QSL via DL8FA. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY Radio amateurs in Kamenz (DOK S22) celebrate their city's 800th anniversary with the callsign **DM800KM** (special DOK 800KM) throughout 2025. QSLs will be sent automatically via the bureau; logs are uploaded to Clublog and qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

F, FRANCE Look for special event station **TM22AAW** to be on air on 2 and 3 February and from 8 to 20 February 2025.

Activity is to celebrate the 22th Antarctic Activity Week. All info on this event on

<https://www.qrz.com/db/TM22AAW>

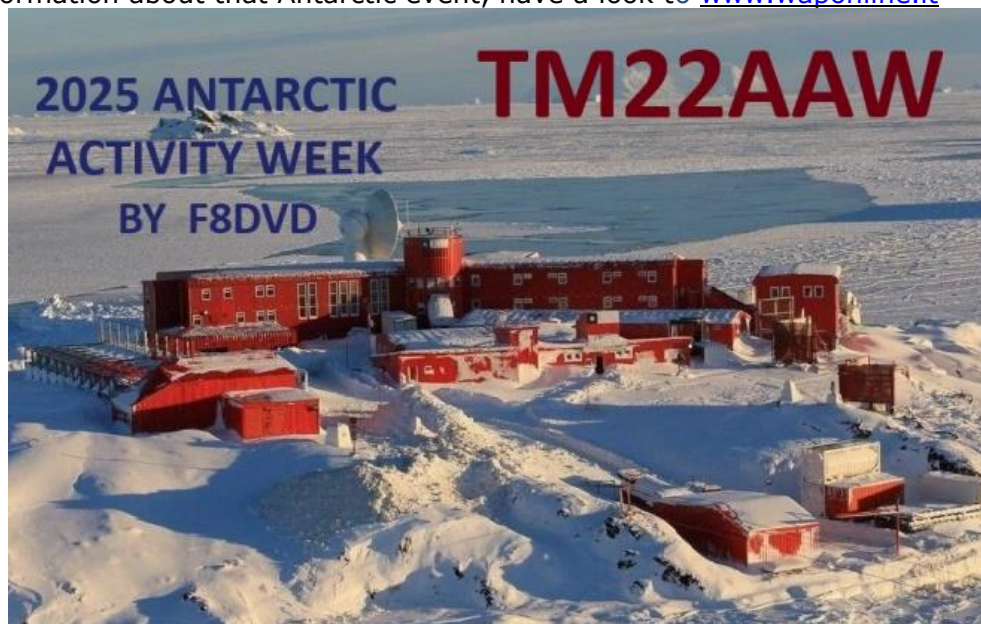
Operation will be made by François F8DVD from his Qth of Mâcon, east part of France, 60 km North of Lyon (JN26JH).

The new reference for WAP program is 354.

Operations will be on HF band from 10 to 40 meters.

QSL via F8DVD, Direct (SAE + 3 USD) or via Buro.

For more information about that Antarctic event, have a look to www.waponline.it



GM, SCOTLAND Terry, GM3WUX will be active as **GB200LB** on 4-31 January to celebrate the bicentenary of the invention of the Braille code. He will operate mainly CW. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

GW, WALES Kev, GW0PUH will be active as **GB9KW** on 1-28 January using vintage equipment manufactured by KW Electronics Ltd during the 1960s and 1970s. Main activity will be over the "KW Weekend" (4-5 January). Other special callsigns are expected to be on the air, notably **GB2KW** from Scotland, **GB5KWD** and **GB6KW** from England, and possibly others. QSL via operator's instructions. (TNX 425DX)

LA, NORWAY **LA100A** is the special callsign for NRRL's Midt-Troms Gruppen (LA6M, <https://www.la6m.no/>) to use throughout 2025 to mark the 100th anniversary of the first amateur radio two-way contact between Norway and the US, made by Johannes Diesen, LA1A from Moen in Malselv municipality and UIYB at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire (25 November 1925). QSL via the bureau, QRZ Logbook, or direct. (TNX 425DX)

OM, SLOVAKIA **OM25ISS** marks the anniversary of the first Slovak astronaut, Ivan Bella, in space 25 years ago. QRV until the end of September 2025 on all bands. An award is also available: <https://www.qrz.com/db/OM25ISS>. QSL via OM8ATE. (TNX DXNL)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS **PC80TT** is the special callsign for members of VERON Leiden (PI4LDN) to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands during World War II (5 May 1945). Look for activity between 1 January and 1 June. QSL via the bureau to PI4LDN. The special call-sign honours the memory of Rudolf Tappenbeck (PCTT), a pioneer of Dutch amateur radio who died in Neuengamme concentration camp on 21 December 1944. (TNX 425DX)

UA, RUSSIA Special callsigns **R2025NY** and **UE25NY** will be active from 29 December to 8 January for the annual "Russian New Year" radio marathon organized by the Miller DX Club (<https://mdxc.ru/>). QSL via RQ7L. (TNX 425DX)

VU, INDIA Kaustav, VU2UUU, currently uses the special event callsign **AT2025** for a propagation study during the winter months until January 15. (TNX DXNL)

W, USA The Straight Key Century Club's annual on-air event, commemorating the club's founding in 2006 and celebrating the original instruments of early radiotelegraphy (straight key, bug and cootie keys), will run on 2-31 January. Look for **K3Y** to be aired from the ten US call areas (K3Y/0 through K3Y/9), plus /KH6, /KL7 and /KP4. Information on the event and QSLing instructions can be found on <https://skccgroup.com/k3y/k3y.php>. (TNX 425DX)

ZS, SOUTH AFRICA On 20 May 2025, the South African Radio League will celebrate its 100th anniversary. The SARL Centenary Marathon QSO Party is set to kick off for a year-long operating during 2025. Throughout the year, the SARL, with the aid of its members and associated clubs, will be on the air with a special event callsign **ZS100SARL**, as well as the permanent callsigns **ZS6SRL** and **ZS9HQ**, and possibly other special event callsigns. A number of awards will be available, see <https://mysarl.org.za/centenary-marathon/> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

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